

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Daniel et al.
Application No.: 10/563,710
Filed: October 10, 2006
For: *Dry Drilling*

Confirmation No. 1603
Group Art Unit: 3676
Examiner: Thomas S. Bomar

Date: May 28, 2009

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Official Action of December 31, 2008.
Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of the Claims** beginning on page 2 below.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and included both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.